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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**


Applicants have canceled herein claims 4-8. Claims 1-3 are currently pending in the application. Applicants note with appreciation that claims 1-3 are presently allowed.

**Consideration Of Previously Submitted Information Disclosure Statement**

Applicants have enclosed herein an Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO 1449. Furthermore, Applicants previously submitted an Information Disclosure Statement on December 21, 2005. Accordingly, it is requested that an initialed copy of the Forms 1449 be forwarded to the undersigned with the next communication from the PTO. In order to facilitate review of the references by the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement and the Form 1449 submitted on December 21, 2005 are attached hereto. Copies of the cited references were provided at the time of filing the original Information Disclosure Statement, and, therefore, no additional copies of the references are submitted herewith. Applicants will be pleased to provide additional copies of the references upon the Examiner's request if it proves difficult to locate the original references.

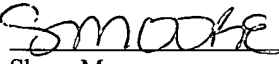
It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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